

Medi-Cal Program Guide (MPG) Letter #657

September 30, 2008

Subject	UPDATE TO THE SSI/SSP PAYMENT STANDARDS AND THE AGED AND DISABLED FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL PROGRAM (A&D FPL) COUPLE'S INCOME DISREGARD EFFECTIVE DATES FOR 2008.
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Effective	Upon receipt
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Expiration Date	March 31, 2009
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Reference	MPG SN 07-10, ACWDLS 07-22, 07-25, 07-26, 07-27, 08-13, 08-24, 08-40, 08-41
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Purpose	The purpose of this letter is to inform staff of a change to the effective dates for the 2008 Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental payment (SSI/SSP) cash grant levels and A&D FPL Program couple's income disregard originally distributed in Special Notice 07-10 on 11/27/2007 and added to the MPG in MPG letter #622.
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Summary of Changes	<u>SSI/SSP Cash Grant Levels</u>
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DHCS delayed the implementation of the SSI/SSP COLA increases originally scheduled for June 1, 2008 to October 1, 2008. The COLA increases will not be implemented in October and workers should continue to use the current payment standards until December 31, 2008. Revisions to the effective dates can be found in MPG Article 5, Section 10, Appendix F.

A&D FPL Program Couple's Income Disregard

The A&D FPL Couple's Disregard will not change as previously scheduled in October, but will remain \$357 from April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009. Revisions to the effective dates can be found in MPG Article 11, Section 1, Appendix B.

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Required Actions

Workers must use the current SSI/SSP cash grant levels provided in MPG Article 5, Section 10, Appendix F for computing Pickle Eligibility. The Couple's disregard must be applied appropriately.

Automation Impact

The following CalWIN Reference Table (RT) has been updated to reflect the effective dates of the SSI/SSP payment standards and the A&D FPL Program Couple's Income Disregard.

RT Name	Description
SSI/SSP Standards	This table lists SSI standards, Presumed Maximum Value (PMV), and the value of the 1/3 reduction of the Federal Benefit Rate (VTR) based on living arrangements for individuals or couples used to determine IHSS Residual SOC, and ISM for some Medi-Cal programs, IHSS and CAPI.

Forms Impact

None

Quality Assurance Impact

Effective with November 2008 review month, Quality Assurance will cite with the appropriate error any case that does not follow the requirement of this letter.

Summary of Change

The table below shows the changes made in the MPG.

Section	Summary of Change
Article 5, Section 10	Updated the SSI/SSP cash grant levels.
Article 11, Section 1	Updated the A&D FPL Couple's Income Disregard.

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Filing Instructions

The following pages shall be removed and replaced as follows:

Action	Pages
Remove	MPG 5-10-F1 through MPG 5-10-F2
Replace	MPG 5-10-F1
Remove	MPG 11-1-A through MPG 11-1-B
Replace	MPG 11-1-A through MPG 11-1-B

Manager Approval

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